

2007- 08 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)


- OVERALL CHANGES
 - Budget will go up to \$4.3 billion or 5.7% from 2006-07
 - Number of consumers served will go up from 212,155 to 220,600 or 4%
 - Number of consumers living in state developmental centers will go down from 2,834 to 2,589 or -8.6%

COMMUNITY SERVICES



- Minimum Wage Increases
 - Minimum wage went up to \$7.50 per hour on 1/1/07
 - Minimum wage will go up again on 1/1/08 to \$8 per hour
 - Workers, who make minimum wage, in community care facilities, day and work activity programs, respite care and supported living services will get an increase in pay

Day Programs and Non-Medical Transportation Services

- For consumers living in ICF-DD homes 
- Now regional center money pays for day programs and transportation for people living in ICF-DD homes
- Budget proposes that MediCal pay for these services when people live in ICF-DD homes
- Would save the State about \$44 million

Transportation



- Now, state money pays for transportation services for consumers
- Budget proposes that a special transportation fund (Public Transit Account) pay for these services
- Saves the State \$144 million

REDUCING COSTS



- Budget will keep many things to reduce costs
 - freeze on rate increases for some services
 - freeze on new program development, except for homes for consumers to move out of state developmental centers
 - allowing more days to develop and start services in an IPP
 - these are all currently happening this year

DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS



- Number of consumers living in centers will go down
- Porterville will be adding 96 more beds in the Secure Treatment Program
- Fairview and Porterville will get some improvements



AGNEWS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

- Agnews is to close by July 2008
- Consumers moving out of Agnews
 - 6 less consumers will move to the community this year than planned to move
 - 145 consumers will move to the community during 2007-08
 - some residents of Agnews will move to other developmental centers

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- SSI/SSP
 - 1.3 million people will get SSI/SSP, a 2.1% increase from 2006-07
 - People on SSI/SSP will get a 5.4% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on 1/1/08
 - ▶ Individuals will go from \$856 to \$892 per month
 - ▶ Couples will go from \$1502 to \$1565 per month

- IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)
 - The number of people getting IHSS will go up by 5.4%
 - The State will freeze the amount it will help pay for IHSS worker wages at the level on 1/10/07
 - If IHSS worker wages go up, the counties or federal government will have to pay for the cost
 - IHSS workers now make an average of \$11.10 per hour